

The Avalanche.

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POLITICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

It is a singular fact that all the bullet box frauds in the United States have originated in the democratic party.

Secretary of the Interior Vilas holds that a homesteader does not lose his claim to a patent if he is off the land part of the year in order to earn money to improve it.

At the Vermont spring elections last year the Knights of Labor, in combination with the democrats, gained important victories. On Tuesday last, the Republicans regained what they lost a year ago. — *Blade*.

The Interior department has decided that the order locating the United States land office at Grayling shall stand. This is regarded as a defeat for Tarney and a victory for Fisher. — *West Branch Times*.

How would the farmers of the western states like to have wheat put on the free list, with Manitoba's crop right in plain sight? The duty on wheat is 20 cents per bushel. Do they want it taken off? Manitoba does. — *Detroit Tribune*.

The Interior department has decided that the order locating the U. S. land office at Grayling shall stand. This is, after defeat for unlucky Tim Tarney, and a corresponding victory for illustrious Spencer O. — *Saturday Night*.

The Michigan land office quarrel has been resumed by the introduction of a bill by Mr. Tarney to establish two land offices in Michigan, one at Marquette, the other at Lansing. Mr. Fisher smiles at the young lion's effort to remove the land office from Grayling. — *Detroit Journal*.

The Hon. Allen G. Thurman of Ohio, talks as if he would like to see all the tally sheet criminals brought to time. It calls the Old Roman to think that he is compelled to vote the same ticket they do; but then he isn't compelled to do it. He can get out of that kind of company by going over to the republican party. — *Det. Tribune*.

The Boston Herald wants the soldiers to be satisfied with "no other reward than the consciousness of duty done." They would be if that would buy them food, clothing and medicine, and supply their children with school books. Why did not the Herald advise the money-lenders who opened their cash-boxes to the government to be satisfied the same way? — *National Tribune*.

The arrogance of the southern Bourbon is as intolerable as ever. He denies the right of petition to the working men, refuses to hear the producers and manufacturers, and even shuts the door in the face of the republican members of his own committee. And he leads the democratic party around by the nose just as he used to be before the war. It is pretty near time for some stalwart republican congressman to carry him down. — *Detroit Tribune*.

Many democratic journals have been declaring that trusts are the results of tariff protection. Now the worst trust of any—the one that has already cost the people millions—is the sugar trust. But these democratic journals are not advocating taking the tariff off from sugar. The tariff is not taken off from sugar in the regular democratic tariff bill. The proposition to take the tariff off from sugar, and thus break up the trust, if the tariff has anything to do with it, comes from the republicans. — *State Republican*.

The State Game Warden William Alden Smith, of Grand Rapids, has particularly instructed his deputies to look out for persons violating the game law relative to killing woodcock, partridge, ruffed grouse, wild duck, wild goose, snipe or other water fowl from Jan. 1st to Sept. 1st, penalty being \$50 fine or thirty days imprisonment. Law further prohibits spearing of any fish in Michigan waters, except great lakes and Saginaw bay, during March, June inclusive; penalty \$100 or thirty days.

The Florida orange growers protest against the removal of the duties on tropical fruits; the South Carolina rice growers protest against any reduction of the duties on rice; the Louisiana sugar growers protest against any reduction of the duties on sugar; the Alabama iron manufacturers protest against any reduction of the duties on iron; and the Texas sheep growers protest against any reduction of the duties on wool. Yet we are told and asked to believe that the sunny South is solid for tariff reduction! Oh, mighty word Reform! What a motley host of thinly disguised free-trade hypocrites are paraded in thy name! — *Philadelphia Press*.

Correspondence.

FREDERIC, MICH., Mar. 17, '88.
EDITOR AVALANCHE:—What's the matter anyway? You seem to be "loaded for bear" all right enough, but you cannot hit even the traditional barn unless you quiet your nerves and steady down enough to stop wobbling. Come, brother P. calm yourself and take the small dose of soothing syrup hereby tendered and your agitation will undoubtedly cease.

You seem to think that I have the will and power to steal your Land Office. Wrong again, my friend! You entirely overrate my ability, and besides I don't want to load up with an obsolete useless article. The cold solid facts in the case are these, parties in Washington mistrusting that Grayling "facts" were nothing but pleasant fictions manufactured to order to serve the end in view, wrote to me (2) asking for full information in regard to certain railroads, country, land, etc. As the request seemed reasonable, I answered strictly in accordance with the facts in the case, and which statements I can back up with the necessary proof.

But it seems that my simple statements unearthed and brought up to the gaze of an admiring public a lot of vicious, villainous, bald-headed lies that had been invented and foisted upon the Secretary of the Interior by the Grayling Democratic Land Office Clique.

It must indeed be an unworthy cause that requires lies, ad-libitum, to bolster up and carry it through. And it looks to "a man up a tree" as though nothing but scallions would resort to such contemptible means to carry a measure that has nothing in it good, bad or indifferent, except as a political tail to the free trade kite which you Grayling republicans are helping FINN and Fisher to fly.

Of course, I am sorry to see the Land Political Demo Office Clique get themselves into such an equivocal position in regard to truth and veracity, but I don't see but what they will have to get themselves out the best way that they can. But the smell of fire will be apt to remain on their garments a long time.

Please don't go into spasms every time that any one mentions "pine-barrens." It really looks a little silly to do so, especially when the same paper of the same date has several articles in regard to the money to be used by the United States and the State, in experimenting on said "pine-barrens" near Grayling. Either your "pine-barrens" are a reality or your experimental farm a swindle. Take whichever position you choose, but do stop wobbling.

Yours truly,

FRED L. BARKER.

P. S. Sav. Palmer, haven't you helped FINN and Fisher long enough? Be either democrat or republican straight up, that's the way to live.

The American Agriculturist

For April, opens with a spirited engraving (by Bennett) entitled "The Moose at Bay." Another full-page engraving (by Forbes) depicts a group of Mountain Sheep in their Rocky Mountain home. Among other notable illustrations are Prize Bronze Turkey "Eureka," the Percheron Stallion "Utes," Polled Aberdeen Angus Cattle, Essex Sheep, new Fruits and Plants; Plans of Buildings; labor-saving implements, etc. Seth Green draws attention to Nature's protection of fish by color; Chester P. Dewey points out how under the present methods followed by our statisticians millions of valuable animals are not enumerated in the U. S. Census; Joseph Harris describes the proper uses of commercial fertilizers in the garden; Mrs. Mary Treat writes about insect enemies; and nearly fifty other well-known writers contribute to this number. The Household Department offers its usual supply of Designs for Fancy Work and useful Devices, Receipts, Fashion Notes, etc. The Boys' and Girls' Columns are full of interesting as well as entertaining matter for the younger members of the family; and the Humbug Department keeps up a relentless war against frauds and cheats of every kind. Price \$1.50 per year, English or German; single numbers 15 cents. Address, *American Agriculturist*, 751 Broadway, N. Y.

Dr. R. C. Kedzie, professor of chemistry and agriculture, in the State Agricultural College at Lansing, was looking over our town Wednesday. Dr. Kedzie is a great believer in the fertility of the plains and succeeded in getting the last legislature to appropriate \$2,000 for the purpose of establishing an experimental farm on these plains. He is now looking up a location for the farm. The land in the vicinity of Beaver Lake, is about what he desires to experiment upon, but he where there is a deposit of marl for fertilizing. He will also use salt and plaster but no expensive fertilizers. The idea is to demonstrate the value of the plains for farms, and to show, as Dr. Kedzie believes he can, that they can be made good grass, stock, or dairy farms. Grayling offers a site close to the village and railroad and on the bank of a lake, which it is probable will be accepted. It is quite a compliment to Ogemaw county, that the quality of our soil is too good for the purpose. The result of the experiment will be awaited with interest and we believe it will be determined that our plains are capable of being converted into profitable and profitable farms. — *West Branch Times*.

WASHINGTON LETTER

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9, '88.
Senator Ingalls' ringing speech in the Senate on Tuesday was the political event of the week. It was straight from the shoulder, every sentence representing a knock-down blow against the democratic party. It was all the Senate officials could do to keep down the enthusiastic applause of the crowded galleries during its delivery.

Many old soldiers listened attentively while the Kansas Senator flayed the administration and the democratic party, and the expression of their faces was all the evidence needed of their supreme enjoyment of the well-deserved flagellation. They were particularly pleased with the Senator's reference to Cleveland, whose many slurs upon them in connection with the pension votes last year have neither been forgotten or forgiven. Here's the Kansas Senator's opinion of Cleveland: "The nomination and election of Grover Cleveland has made the pretensions of any American citizen to the presidency respectable. There is no man in this country whose ignorance is so profound, whose obscurity so impenetrable, whose antecedents so degraded, that he has not the right to aspire to the presidential nomination by the democratic party." Referring to the question asked by Senator Vest in his speech last week "where is this business to stop?" Mr. Ingalls said, "It is going stop when the arrears of pensions are paid; when the limitation is removed and every soldier on the rolls or who gets on the rolls, is paid from the day of his disability, or in case of a survivor, from the date of the soldier's death; and when every surviving soldier of the Union army is put upon the rolls for service only. That is when it is going to stop. And if you do not like it, make the most of it." Referring to the pending pension bill he said: "I hope it will pass the other House of Congress; and if it does, let the president of the United States veto it at his peril."

It remained for a republican to take the initiative in stopping the patent medicine men and cigarette people from making use of Mrs. Cleveland's picture as an advertisement. Mr. Thomas, of Ill., has introduced a bill in the House which makes it a misdemeanor punished by a heavy fine for any person or firm to use a woman's likeness as an advertisement without her written consent.

Here is a little specimen of democratic stupidity. The Secretary of War reported to the Senate that so many errors had been made in printing the abstract of the militia force of the country as recently reported to congress, that the document was worthless. The Senate has ordered the printer to reprint the document. That's the way Benedict economizes.

For some days a rumor has been current here that Cleveland has written a letter, which is now in the hands of ex-Mayor Cooper, of New York, who is authorized to make it public whenever he sees fit, in which he declines to allow his name to be used for the nomination, and further, that he would not accept the nomination if it should be tendered him. This is hard to believe.

Another feature in the treaty line is to be charged up to the administration. This time it is John Chinaman who has encircled little Tommy Blyard. The new treaty will be sent to the Senate at once. It prohibits the importation of Chinese laborers into this country in one paragraph, but opens wide the doors for them in another, which it is understood was prepared by the Chinese minister here. It allows all Chinamen residing in the United States, who have accumulated property to the value of \$1,000 or more to visit China and return to this country as often as they please. Any one at all acquainted with Chinese character will readily understand that the average Chinaman will have no compunction in swearing that he is worth \$1,000 or any other sum if he can gain a privilege by so doing.

The republican minority of the House Ways and Means committee have struggled manfully to get a hearing for the various industries which are affected by the Mills' tariff bill, but so far in vain. They are afraid that they might be convinced of the absurdity of the hedge-podge they have concocted.

The fact is clear that with absolutely fair elections the states of North and South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana would probably go republican, with Virginia and Tennessee doubtful. No wonder the democrats have so desperately clung to the plan of fostering stupid prejudice in the south. — *Blade*.

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